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TO: Iowa Medicaid Physicians, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners, Maternal Health Centers, Screening Centers, Clinics and Hospitals

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

SUBJECT: Implementing NCCI PTP Edits for Immunization Administration and Preventive E&M Service Codes

EFFECTIVE: April 1, 2013

On January 1, 2013, new Procedure-to-Procedure (PTP) edits were implemented in the Medicare and Medicaid National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI). This editing paired the immunization administration codes (CPT codes 90460 – 90474) as “column one” codes with preventive medicine Evaluation and Management (E&M) service codes (CPT codes 99381 – 99397) as “column two” codes (see table 1, below). The edits stop inappropriate payment of a preventive medicine E&M service, if it is not significant or separately identifiable in certain cases, such as a return to the physician’s office for an immunization on a day other than the day of a comprehensive preventive E&M service. Similar edits have been present in the NCCI program for a number of years.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) allowed states to deactivate these edits for the first quarter of 2013, retroactive to January 1, 2013, so that providers had time to consider the editing and related claim submissions. Based on the CMS allowance, the IME has deactivated the edits. Any affected claims will be reprocessed by the second pay cycle in March. **The editing will be activated again for claims bearing dates of service on and after April 1, 2013.**

The use of modifier 25: Consistent with the general NCCI policy approach for the CPT instruction around these codes, **the new edits are established to permit payment of both codes, if a significant, separately identifiable E&M service is provided on the same day as an administration code and a PTP associated modifier (i.e., modifier 25) is appended to the E&M code.** All of the edits have a Correct Coding Modifier Indicator (CCMI) of “1”, which permits the edit to be bypassed based on a correctly appended modifier. Providers should ensure they report E&M codes with immunization administration codes only if the E&M service is significant and separately identifiable and append modifier 25 with an E&M service code in order to bypass the PTP edits as appropriate.

Questions relating to this Informational Letter may be directed to the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, locally at 515-256-4609 or by email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.

Table 1: Column one Codes are edited against Column two

COL1	COL2	COL1	COL2	COL1	COL2
90460	99381	90471	99381	90473	99381
90460	99382	90471	99382	90473	99382
90460	99383	90471	99383	90473	99383
90460	99384	90471	99384	90473	99384
90460	99385	90471	99385	90473	99385
90460	99386	90471	99386	90473	99386
90460	99387	90471	99387	90473	99387
90460	99391	90471	99391	90473	99391
90460	99392	90471	99392	90473	99392
90460	99393	90471	99393	90473	99393
90460	99394	90471	99394	90473	99394
90460	99395	90471	99395	90473	99395
90460	99396	90471	99396	90473	99396
90460	99397	90471	99397	90473	99397
90461	99381	90472	99381	90474	99381
90461	99382	90472	99382	90474	99382
90461	99383	90472	99383	90474	99383
90461	99384	90472	99384	90474	99384
90461	99385	90472	99385	90474	99385
90461	99386	90472	99386	90474	99386
90461	99387	90472	99387	90474	99387
90461	99391	90472	99391	90474	99391
90461	99392	90472	99392	90474	99392
90461	99393	90472	99393	90474	99393
90461	99394	90472	99394	90474	99394
90461	99395	90472	99395	90474	99395
90461	99396	90472	99396	90474	99396
90461	99397	90472	99397	90474	99397

The column two code is denied if a column one code is also on the claim.